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c. 1900

Eastern Shore National Bank  
Crisfield  
public

Sited prominently in downtown Crisfield, the Eastern Shore National Bank (formerly the Bank of Crisfield) is one of the town's most architecturally distinguished commercial structures. The diminutive Beaux-Arts design is a classically inspired temple front with corner pilasters topped by an entablature and dentiled pediment. The Doric pilasters frame the center door opening, which is elevated and flanked by paneled columns with acanthus leaf capitals. Engraved just below the entablature is the former bank name. The southwest street elevation is marked by four Doric pilasters that separate three bays.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-300

Magi No. 2003004711

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bank of Crisfield

and/or common Eastern Shore National Bank

## 2. Location

street & number N.W. side of MD 413 (Maryland Avenue) ☐ not for publication

city, town Crisfield ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state county

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Eastern Shore National Bank

street & number Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD 21817

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Bank of Crisfield (now the Eastern Shore National Bank) stands on the northwest corner of MD 413 and Eleventh Street. The single-story stuccoed building faces southeast.

The c. 1900-1910 single-story Beaux-Arts bank is supported by a smoothly finished granite foundation, while its exterior surfaces are covered with stucco. A stepped parapet disguises the true shape of the roof.

The southeast (main) facade is a classically inspired temple-front design with corner pilasters topped by a classical pediment. The Doric order pilasters frame the center door opening, which is elevated on a three-step granite platform. The door is flanked by paneled columns with acanthus leaf capitals, and to each side of the columns are single-pane windows. Atop the capitals, a molded cornice with a dentil row divides the entrance bay from the upper portion of the first floor which is now blocked up. This upper portion is divided into three sections and split by short, simply molded columns. A modern bank sign for "Eastern Shore National Bank" occupies the center bay. Engraved in the stone above this modern sign is the old name "Bank of Crisfield." The classical pediment follows a combination of Roman Doric pilasters and a Roman Ionic frieze. The dentil work under the cornice was continued within the pediment. The tympanum is plain. Rising above the pediment is a stepped parapet finished with a slightly projecting cap.

The southwest street elevation is a partially decorated facade divided into three principal bays. Four Doric pilasters separate three blind bays, while the Roman Ionic entablature extends around from the front. Attached to the main block is a simply finished rear bay which is a plain stuccoed wall joined visually to the front block by a continuation of the molded cornice. The parapet is slightly shorter than the main block.

The rear elevation is an undistinguished wall with a partially engaged stuccoed brick chimney. A grilled window opening pierces the wall immediately to the right of the chimney.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Old Bank of Crisfield is one of the most architecturally distinguished buildings located in downtown Crisfield. The Beaux-Arts classical design is well executed and well preserved. No substantial changes have been made to the exterior stuccoed fabric. The Beaux-Arts design displays a combination of Roman Doric and Roman Ionic classical orders.

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

Figure 1 displays a 4x3 grid of plots showing the distribution of 1000 simulated individuals across three spatial dimensions: Zone, Easting, and Northing. The rows are labeled B, D, F, and H. Each plot has a horizontal axis with 10 tick marks. The 'Zone' column shows a single tick mark at the first position. The 'Easting' and 'Northing' columns show varying distributions of tick marks, with some plots having multiple tick marks at the same position, indicating the presence of multiple individuals.

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

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**organization** Somerset County Historical Trust

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city or town Princess Anne

**state** MD 21853

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Bank of Crisfield

Crisfield, MD - VA. Quadrangle, 1968

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Jersey Island

Jenkins Creek

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Lawson Marsh

Ware Point Marsh

Ape Hole Creek

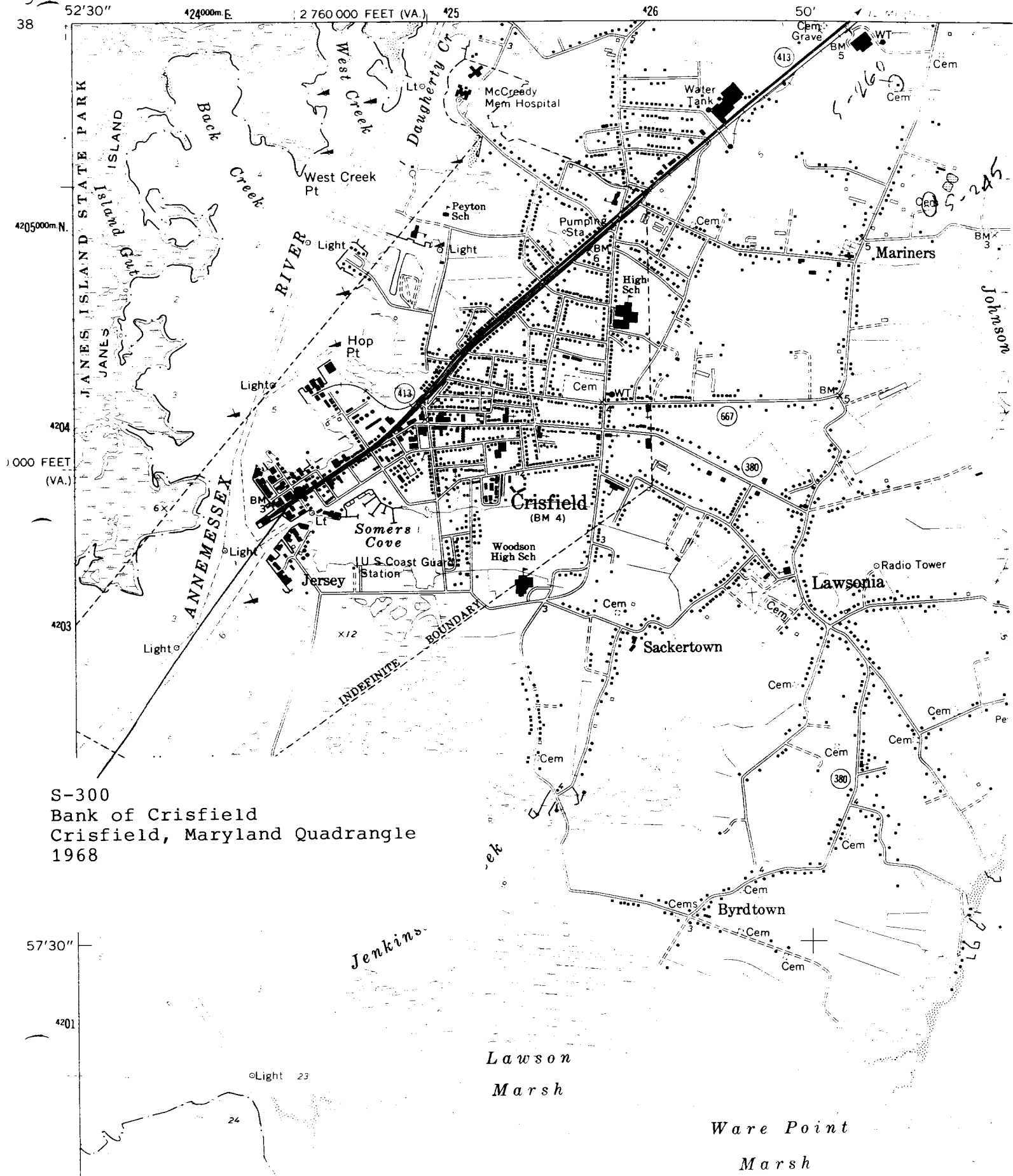
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Bank of Crisfield  
Crisfield, MD - VA. Quadrangle, 1968

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Crisfield, Maryland Quadrangle  
1968





Bank of Crisfield, Downtown  
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Southeast Elevation  
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Bank of Crisfield, Downtown

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Crisfield, Somerset County

Southwest Elevation

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